

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
BESSLING et al.

International Application
PCT/EP 98/00480

Filed: January 29, 1998

For: PURIFICATION OF ETHYLENE OXIDE BY DISTILLATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified
application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 5" and
insert --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 6" and
insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 7" and
insert --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 to 8" and insert
--claim 1--.

Claim 10, lines 1 and 2, delete "one of the claims 7 or 9"
and insert --claim 7--.

R E M A R K S

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple
dependency and to put the case in better form for U.S. filing.
No new matter is included.